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The sponsor for our newsletter which we gained in August 2014 has very kindly agreed to renew the sponsorship for a further period of twelve months through to August 2016. Members are encouraged to contact our sponsor for advice as detailed above.

The editor will try to publish newsletters on a three monthly basis. Newsletters since that for the August 2014 edition are also available as a pdf file from the Society website. A new section "5" on the Society web site has been designed to accommodate this.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the early summer 2016 newsletter. We have had an excellent start to the new programme year and hope to repeat the quality and mixture of speakers over the coming months of 2016. Our thanks are due to Richard Husband, our Programme Secretary, who has organised this for the Society.

From time to time we have to make changes to our published programme on the blue cards. However, the editor tries to keep the programme details on the Society's web site always up to date; this can be found at; - www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk

If any member is on email, and has not received this newsletter by email, but would be happy to receive future newsletters and communications by email then would you please let the secretary know at; info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk ; this will help save on both postage and paper costs.

MEMBERS' NEWS

The opportunity is also taken to extend a very warm welcome to those new members who have joined the society in recent months; Sean Brady.

In recent weeks our member David Stirrups has been feeling unwell but nevertheless he has attended meetings. He was admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday 29th May for treatment. We wish him a speedy recovery back to good health.



Friday 18th March

VISIT BY KING'S LYNN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

We welcomed four members from King's Lynn. The evening started with Donny Birdseye who covered scouting and a very varied display of covers from around the world celebrating 75 years of scouting in 1982. This was followed by Richard Moss whose topic was British West Indies University 1951 with stamps, blocks and covers from many islands forming part of the Caribbean.

Mike Kentzer showed GB Seahorses on cover with a varied selection of covers for Europe, Africa, India and the Philippines. The evening concluded with Terry Wagg showing GB KGVI mail with covers and stamps including slogan postmarks and censor covers.

Wednesday 6th April

MEMBERS' EVENING; SHOW WHAT YOU LIKE

Tony Crowther kicked off the evening with a display of combined date and obliterator stamps, and double circle cancellations for Edinburgh in the 1880's. This was followed by **Geoffrey Datson** with a display of a Century of Promenade Concerts with covers, stamps and actual concert programmes. **Lillian Swift** then showed an interesting display of railway parcels stamps from the two islands of Funen and Langeland in Denmark. **Ian Paton** covered topical events in the USA with a series of detailed covers including 1794 Whiskey Rebellion and 1861 Civil War. **Adrian Boggust** put up a series of postcards covering views of Southampton and a couple of sets of cigarette cards. **Michael Leveridge** exhibited many different covers including a redirected 1841 1d red and a 1959 aerogramme to New Zealand, which was subsequently returned. **Graham Wylde** put up an interesting display of letters and covers from two young girls to their father. **Simon Kelly** rounded off the first half with covers from the Cambridge PH collection on Grantchester with photographs and other information, most of which was part of **Stephen Harper-Scott's** generous donation to the Society.

In the second half **Rufus Barnes** showed Eurotunnel covers, with information covering the signing of the treaty and the first train through the tunnel. **David Stirrups** put up covers of mail transiting through Gibraltar which included an 1837 cover to Cadiz. **Simon Kelly** exhibited covers and mail cancelled by the Mylor Bridge post office in Cornwall with many handstamps. **Alistair Kennedy** displayed a selection of parcel date stamps including hooded wavy line cancels for unfranked mail. **Ray Revell** then reminded us that 286 different Indian States produced stamps with many examples including Jaipur. **Mike Bavin** rounded the evening off with a selection of stamps from Crete including issues produced by foreign post offices.



Friday 15th April

ASPECTS OF FINLAND

Eric Keefe gave us a detailed history of Finland and commenced his display with early pre-stamp mail from 1732. We were shown a varied selection of stamps, covers, censored mail, overprinted stamps, booklets, pictorial definitives, express mail and airmails. Several covers were also displayed involving German censorship.

Wednesday 4th May

MODERN NEPAL

Colin Hepper gave an interesting display of Nepal from 1949 to date. Over 1,600 different postmarks have been recorded, including a few manuscript postmarks, all of which were set out in an excellent book written by him. Many different covers were shown including examples of Kathmandu machine cancels and postage due handstamps, as well as registration numbers written in by hand.

Friday 18th May

VISIT BY BISHOP'S STORTFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

We gave a warm welcome to both **Dave Armitage** and **Richard Barnett**. Dave batted first and displayed early Canada from the 1850's when Canada was a colony, with single stamps and both singles and multiples on cover. In 1860 it became the Dominion of Canada with the early issues being shown.

Richard Barnett then displayed Rhodesia with many postcards and photographs covering the Victoria Falls as well as stamp issues, covers and airmail covers.

Wednesday 1st June

CZECHESLOVAKIA AND EGYPT

Kenneth Burr from Ipswich gave an interesting examination of two countries under 'Foreign' influence using the postage stamps for illustration. He commenced with Czechoslovakia, taking us from its creation in 1920 through to 1960 and its dominance by the Soviets. As a contrast in the second half we looked at Egypt with its declining Turkish, but rising British influence up to the sharp change at the Suez crisis. The high quality display of predominantly mint stamps was backed up by an excellent description of the complex politics of the countries concerned.



FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2015-2016 programme continues with the following meetings.

Friday 17th June

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6th July

A WEMBLEY STORY;- 1922-2015; DON KNIGHT

Friday 15th July

AN EVENING WITH THE NEWSPAPERS; SIMON KELLY

[Change of Speaker]

Wednesday 3rd August

MEMBERS' EVENING; CARRIED BY BOAT

Friday 19th August

THE VICTORIA CROSS; RON JONES

OTHER MATTERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As members will already have noticed the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Friday 17th June. Following the sudden death of our treasurer, John Pearce on 13th September 2015 the committee decided to have an emergency committee meeting after the Society's meeting on 18th September to discuss the way forward. At this latter meeting those present agreed to co-opt Peter Morton, who was already on the committee and the Immediate Past President, into the role of treasurer until the 2016 AGM.

Under clause 3(g) of the Constitution the committee is obliged to report details of all co-opted committee members to the next AGM for ratification. There will be an item on the agenda for the forthcoming AGM to cover this.

At the same time, as a result of our former treasurer's death, and the need to see just what was in the constitution at that time, the opportunity will be taken to tidy it up and also clarify clause both 3(g) as above and also clause 8(d) which covers bank signing arrangements. Full details will appear with the agenda.



PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

This event is being hosted by the Society in conjunction with ABPS, and is being held at the Cambridge Belfry Hotel in Cambourne from 21st to 24th July. Various members of the society will be closely involved with this event. Additionally on the Sunday morning ten of our members will each be presenting a nine sheet display and be available to answer any questions which members of Congress raise. There is no charge for Society members on the Sunday morning, and given that it is free we hope that as many members as possible will come to support the Cambridge team.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website; www.mapf.co.uk

The new May 2016 newsletter is now out which gives details of all member society meetings through until the end of August as well as details of the PhilAnglia Stamp Fair on 25th June in St Ives and also the next Federation Display Day which will be held at Denver, near Downham Market on Saturday 8th October 2016.

PJM 3rd June 2016

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